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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on September 11, 2003. On July 24, 2004, Applicants, a Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document was mailed to Applicants. To date, Applicants have received no further action or communication regarding this application. Applicants would appreciate an indication of when they might expect a first Office Action on the merits.

If there are any issues outstanding, or the Examiner has any questions that Applicants may answer, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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